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SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the following hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 784 and H.R. 1630, to revise the boundary of Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; S. 2656, to establish a National Commission on the Quincentennial of the discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon; S. 2499, to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes; S. 1311, to establish the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2055, to amend P.L. 899-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, SD-364, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Monday, September 13, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing titled "The Importance of Real-Time, Actionable Intelligence: Ensuring the U.S. Intelligence Community Supports Homeland Defense and Departmental Needs."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM, TECHNOLOGY, AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "A Review of the Tools to Fight Terrorism" on Monday, September 13, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in Dirksen 226. The witness list will be sent later today.

Witness List

Panel I: Hon. Daniel J. Bryant, Assistant Attorney General, Department

of Justice, Washington, DC; and Barry Sabin, Esq., Chief, Counterterrorism Section of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Professor Jonathan Turley, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Lore Aguayo, a fellow in Senator TALENT's office, be granted the privileges of the floor during consideration of the Homeland Security appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, and as further amended by Public Law 107-228, appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Preeta D. Bansal of Nebraska, for a term of two years (May 15, 2004-May 14, 2006).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—2ND PROTOCOL AMENDING TAX CONVENTION WITH BARBADOS (TREATY DOC. 108-26)

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on September 13, 2004 by the President of the United States: 2nd protocol amending tax convention with Barbados (Treaty Doc. 108-26).

I further ask unanimous consent that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time, that it be referred, with the accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations in order to be printed, and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit the Second Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and Barbados for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income Signed on December 31, 1984, signed at Washington on July 14, 2004. Also enclosed for the Senate's information is an exchange of notes with attached Understandings, which provide clarification

with respect to the application of the Convention, as amended, in specified cases. Also transmitted for information of the Senate is the report of the Department of State with respect to the Protocol.

The Protocol updates the existing Convention to bring it into close conformity with current U.S. tax treaty policy and to ensure that the Convention cannot be used inappropriately to secure tax reductions in circumstances where there is no risk of double taxation. The Protocol would modernize the Convention's anti-treaty-shopping provision. The Protocol also updates the Convention to take account of a 1996 change in the Internal Revenue Code relating to the tax treatment of certain former long-term residents of the United States. The exchange of notes with attached Understandings provides guidance to taxpayers and each government regarding the intended interpretation of certain provisions of the Convention, as amended.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to this Protocol and give its advice and consent to ratification.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 13, 2004.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, September 14. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business with debate only for up to 60 minutes; that the first 30 minutes be under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the final 30 minutes be under the control of the majority leader or his designee; provided further that the Senate then resume consideration of Calendar No. 488, H.R. 4567, the Homeland Security appropriations bill.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 for the weekly party luncheons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow following morning business the Senate will resume consideration of the Homeland Security appropriations bill. It is imperative that we finish the Homeland Security bill prior to the observance of Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday. The chairman and ranking member will be here in the morning to